



Summarizing

Activity: Story Wheel

Purpose: To help students practice sequencing skills, summarizing a story, visualizing story elements and recognizing story structure.

1. This activity can be completed when students have finished a reading assignment.
2. Ask students to list the important events in the story. Emphasize that the events should be from the beginning, middle, and end of the selection.
3. Next have the students narrow the list of events to the seven most important.
4. Provide students with blank story wheel.
5. Students write story title and author's name in a wedge of the story wheel.
6. Students should then illustrate a story event in each of the story wheel wedges; so that when the story wheel is completed they have a summary of the story. Students could also include the written event in each of the story wheel wedges.
7. Have students share their story wheels with their classmates.



Story Wheel

